



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5297

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AN ACT CONCERNING STATE-WIDE EXPANSION OF THE PRIMARY CARE CASE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-307 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, [not later
4 than November 1, 2007,] the Department of Social Services shall
5 develop [a plan to] and implement a pilot program for the delivery of
6 health care services through a system of primary care case
7 management to not less than one thousand individuals who are
8 otherwise eligible to receive HUSKY Plan, Part A benefits. [Such plan
9 shall be submitted to the joint standing committees of the General
10 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and
11 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies. Not later than thirty
12 days after the date of receipt of such plan, said joint standing
13 committees of the General Assembly shall hold a joint public hearing
14 to review such plan. Said joint standing committees of the General
15 Assembly may advise the commissioner of their approval or denial or
16 modifications, if any, of the plan.] Primary care providers participating
17 in the primary care case management [system] pilot program shall
18 provide program beneficiaries with primary care medical services and
19 arrange for specialty care as needed. For purposes of this section,

20 "primary care case management" means a system of care in which the
 21 health care services for program beneficiaries are coordinated by a
 22 primary care provider chosen by or assigned to the beneficiary. The
 23 Commissioner of Social Services shall begin enrollment for the primary
 24 care case management system not later than April 1, 2008.

25 (b) Not later than July 1, 2010, the Department of Social Services
 26 shall expand the pilot program for the delivery of health care services
 27 through the primary care case management system, as described in
 28 subsection (a) of this section to include primary care providers in the
 29 towns of Torrington and Putnam. Not later than every ninety days
 30 after July 1, 2010, the department shall expand the pilot program to
 31 include two additional municipalities in the pilot program and shall
 32 continue expansion of the pilot program until such program is
 33 operational in each county of the state. The Commissioner of Social
 34 Services may seek a waiver from federal law for the purpose of
 35 expanding the primary care case management system pursuant to this
 36 subsection.

37 (c) Not later than July 1, 2011, the commissioner shall report, in
 38 accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the
 39 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
 40 services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies on the
 41 expansion of the pilot program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17b-307

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In the second sentence of subsection (b), "commissioner" was changed to "department" for internal consistency.

HS *Joint Favorable Subst.*